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Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the attached Information Disclosure Statement, duly signed by Dr. Robert Fränkel, and the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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PTO-1449 form and nine (9) references

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<u>Information Disclosure Statement</u>

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir or Madam:

I, Robert Fränkel, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Krottenkopfstr. 10, 81377 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application and in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

Seebach et al., Tetrahedron Letters, 1984, vol. 25, no. 24, pages 2545-2548, cited in the application, is already in the English language.

Seebach et al., Helvetica Chimica Acta, 1987, vol. 70, pages 1194-1216, cited in the application, is already in the English language.

- G. Pattenden et al., Tetrahedron Letters, 1993, vol. 49, no. 10, pages 2131-2138, cited in the application, is already in the English language.
- G. Mulqueen et al., Tetrahedron, 1993, vol. 49, no. 24, pages 5359-5364, cited in the application, is already in the English language.

WO 01/72702, cited in the application and the German office action, is already in the English language.

WO 01/72703, cited in the application, is already in the English language.

Seebach et al., Angew. Chem. 1988, 100, pages 1685-1715, cited in the application, is in the German language and is a review article on structure and reactivity of lithium enolates as of 1988. The chemistry of lithium enolates is used to demonstrate that complex structures held

together by noncovalent bonds (supramolecules) may dramatically influence the result of seemingly simple standard reactions of organic synthesis. Detailed structural data have been obtained by crystallographic investigations of numerous Li enolates and analogous derivatives. The most remarkable features of these structures are aggregation to give dimers, tetramers, and higher oligomers, complexation of the metal centers by solvent molecules and chelating ligands, and hydrogen-bond formation of weak acids such as secondary amines with the anionoid part of the enolates. The presence in nonpolar solvents of the same supramolecules has been established by NMR-spectroscopic, by osmometric, and by calorimetric measurements. The structures and the order of magnitude of the interactions have also been reproduced by ab-initio calculations. Most importantly, supramolecules may be product-forming species in synthetic reactions of Li enolates. A knowledge of the complex structures of Li enolates also improves our understanding of their reactivity. Thus, simple procedures have been developed to avoid complications caused by secondary amines, formed concomitantly with Li enolates by the common methods. Mixtures of achiral Li enolates and chiral Li amides can give rise to enantioselective reactions. Solubilization by LiX is observed, especially of multiply lithiated compounds. This effect is exploited for alkylations of N-methylglycine (sarcosine) CH2 groups in open-chain oligopeptides. Thus, the cyclic undecapeptide cyclosporine, a potent immunosuppressant, is converted into a THF-soluble hexalithio derivative (without epimerization of stereogenic centers) and alkylated by a variety of electrophiles in the presence of either excess lithiumdiisopropyl amide or of up to 30 equivalents of lithium chloride. Depending on the nature of the LiX additive, a new stereogenic center of (R) or (S) configuration is created in the peptide chain by this process. A structure-activity correlation in the series of cyclosporine derivatives thus available is discussed.

Protecting Groups, P.J. Kocienski, Thieme Verlag, 1994, pages 185-243, cited in the application, is already in the English language.

Protecting Groups, P.J. Kocienski, Thieme Verlag, 1994, pages 118-154, cited in the application, is already in the English language.

Signed this 3rd day of March, 2004.

Dr. Robert Fränkel

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